### Subretinal Human Retinal Progenitor Cells (hRPC) in Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP)

A Phase I/IIa update

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## **Relevant disclosure**

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### **ReNeuron's retinal progenitor cell (hRPC) therapy**

- Cells isolated from fetal retina
- Can differentiate into retinal cells
- Cryopreserved with 9 month shelf life
- No immunosuppression required

### **Mechanism of Action** Allogeneic transplantation in pigs @ 4 wks post-injection



Both integration and paracrine effects may contribute to efficacy

Abud et al (2015)

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#### Phase I study design



US Clinical Site: Massachusetts Eye & Ear, Boston, Jason Comander, MD, PhD

> # Data presented by Dr. Comander in April 2019, at Retinal Cell and Gene Therapy Innovation Summit (Vancouver, BC).

### **RP Phase I/IIa clinical trial (NCT02464436)**

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#### Phase IIa study design



US Clinical Sites:

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### **Surgical Procedure**



### Phase I/IIa safety

- N=22 subjects
- Dose escalation generally well-tolerated
- No evidence of inflammation or proliferative vitreoretinopathy
- 2 ocular SAEs reported not related to drug product
  - Subject 4001 progression of pre-existing epiretinal membrane requiring additional surgery
  - Subject 6003 persistent subretinal fluid/patent retinotomy

### Phase I/IIa safety

- 2 events leading to vision loss (one AE, one SAE) related to surgical procedure/patient selection
  - Subject 6001 RPE tear
  - Subject 6003 persistent subretinal fluid/patent retinotomy

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Change from baseline in untreated eye



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